

November 30, 2000

TO: Stakeholders for the CANAMEX Corridor

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SUBJECT: STAKEHOLDER FORUM FOR THE CANAMEX CORRIDOR STUDY

Thursday, December 14, 2000 – 2 to 4 p.m.  
Buckeye Community Center  
201 Centre Street, Buckeye

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG), Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) are initiating Phase 2 of a project to define a route through the Maricopa region to be designated as part of the CANAMEX Corridor. To begin this phase of the project, a Stakeholder Forum is planned for the time and place noted above. An agenda for the Forum is attached. Representatives from affected member agencies and key stakeholders are encouraged to participate.

In Phase 1 of the CANAMEX Corridor study, a joint agency recommendation was made for the future designation of the CANAMEX Corridor through the Maricopa region to include I-8 from I-10 to SR 85, SR 85 from I-8 to I-10, and the Wickenburg Bypass. The connection between the SR 85 / I-10 junction is to be recommended following further study but constrained to a location outside of the air quality nonattainment area centered on the urban area. The nonattainment area constraint eliminates urban routes such as Loops 303 and 101 from any further consideration for the CANAMEX Corridor.

In the Phase 2 study, the objective is to make a recommendation for the connection between the SR 85 / I-10 junction and the Wickenburg Bypass. The primary focus at the December Forum will be to receive input on key issues to be addressed in this Phase of the study. Input on the project structure and desired outreach process is also being sought. Additionally, any information you may have on key issues such as major development plans that could affect the designation of a corridor would also be welcomed.

It is anticipated that this next phase of the CANAMEX Corridor study will provide information on potential environmental impacts, land use compatibility, infrastructure improvements needed, and costs to be used in making a recommendation on a preferred route from among the alternatives evaluated. The alternatives are expected to include the Sun Valley Parkway, Wickenburg Road/Vulture Mine Road, and Eagle Eye Road. Prior to any right of way acquisition or construction activity, a design concept report and environmental analysis will be necessary.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Roger Herzog or Chris Voigt at (602) 254-6300. Further information including CANAMEX project materials are available on the MAG website, [www.mag.maricopa.gov](http://www.mag.maricopa.gov), under "News and Events".

Attachment

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MAG-MCDOT-ADOT CANAMEX CORRIDOR STUDY**

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**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

1.     Introduction

2.     Project Overview

A brief overview of the study process to date and agency and public feedback received will be presented.

3.     Discussion

Key issues to be addressed in the project will be the subject of an open discussion to be held between representatives of MAG member agencies and other key stakeholders. The issues identified will be considered in the development of a project scope to be drafted after this Forum.

4.     Call to the Public

An opportunity will be given for members of the public to address the Forum. Speakers will be requested not to exceed a three-minute time period for their comments.

5.     Next Steps

The study scope will be drafted after consideration of comments received at this Forum. It is anticipated that the proposed Phase 2 study will be on the MAG Management Committee agenda on January 10, 2001 (12 noon) and the Regional Council agenda on January 24, 2001 (5 p.m.). It will also go before the State Transportation Board in January and County Transportation Advisory Board.